

End of Life Care: Exploring psychological wellbeing religious practices and beliefs and support needs of Manchester's Chinese population.

Wednesday 12th February 2014 1-2pm

Sunley Conference Centre the University of Northampton, Park Campus

To date, there is limited research examining end of life care and the needs of ethnic minority populations in the UK. Understanding end of life care expectations in relation to these groups is important for informing the development of new health policy and service initiatives. In this seminar Professor Judith Sixsmith and Mei Lan Fang, Researcher at the University of Northampton will show how the purpose of this study was to explore the mental health, religious practices and beliefs and any services and support systems needed by this community to cope with end of life care and bereavement. The participants were recruited as a part of Wai Yin's Sunshine Project, which aimed to train Chinese migrants to improve their knowledge of employment and immigration rights and language skills to enable them to access support services. In this seminar Judith and Mei will present preliminary themes from the transcribed data including: the notion that cremation differs between the two countries (where cremation is the law in China); the importance of filial duty and end of life care in the next generation; and the comfort and security of coping with end of life within the intimate care relationship.

A sandwich lunch will be provided.

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